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15 MS. SNYDER: Thanks, Holmes.

16 My name is Susi Snyder. I work at the

17 Shundahai Network based in Pahrump. I have been

18 speaking at these hearings, gosh, I don't even know how

19 long, for quite a while. I've made lots of comments.

20 I've asked lots of questions and for the first time

21 yesterday, I actually sort of got a response. I got a

22 little postcard in the mail that said that they had

23 received a comment. Unfortunately, it didn't address

24 any of the questions in that comment. It didn't say

25 which particular comment they were talking about. I'm

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1 not sure if it was a comment on the Draft DEIS or the

2 comment on the Supplemental DEIS or which particular

3 comment it was. It's nice to get some acknowledgement.

4 I did get a postcard.

5 I'd like to acknowledge that there are over

6 50 people sitting here in this room and here today at

7 the Longstreet, that it's almost 4:00 and I'd like that

8 to go on the record and this is usually a time when

9 people are working. So I really appreciate that all

10 these folks are here at this time to hopefully speak

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11 out against this project because it's a foolish

12 project.

13 We've seen, just recently we've seen changes

14 in addresses, changes in locations, changing dates, and

15 lots of changes, changes in design. We still don't

16 have a final design. We don't have a design and yet

17 the Secretary is talking about making a recommendation

18 on a design we don't have. I'm really kind of lost.

19 Maybe I'm as lost as these folks here because there

20 seems like this project is being pushed ahead, yet

21 there is no actual design, at least not one that's

22 permanent. They keep changing.

23 I'd like to acknowledge all of the Nye County

24 Sheriffs that are here. When I walked in this morning,

25 there were about six folks. It's nice to know that

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1 we're well protected by our Nye County Sheriffs and

2 we're glad you're here and I hope you'll keep us safe

3 from the Yucca Mountain Project. You guys are first

4 responders and we don't want to see an accident like

5 the one with the pilot project where the driver fell

6 asleep, the truck overturned, and stuff had spilled out

7 over the road.

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8           We don't want you to have to deal with an  
9   accident of that magnitude. We don't want you to be in  
10   a position where you're following shipments traveling  
11   2,000 miles, traveling throughout the country coming to  
12   Yucca Mountain where that shipment is a target because  
13   we know these shipments are targets. We know that  
14   Yucca Mountain is not safe. We know that moving waste  
15   to Yucca Mountain contrary to Senator Murkowski's  
16   speech the other day, moving waste to Yucca Mountain  
17   does not clean up the other reactor sites around the  
18   country. It creates one more site, one more target,  
19   one more danger, one more sacrifice zone.

20           I was fortunate enough this past weekend to  
21   meet with a lot of people at the Skull Valley Goshute  
22   Reservation in Utah, which is being proposed as a  
23   temporary high-level dump and we had some folks here  
24   who came as far away as Connecticut, Vermont,  
25   Massachusetts, people who live less than a mile from  
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1   nuclear reactors who recognize that moving the waste  
2   off of their sites is only creating one more sacrifice  
3   zone. They've seen the horror in these communities.  
4   They've seen children born with birth defects, the

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5 lakes and the streams, the temperature rise from the  
6 thermal output. They've seen fish die and climate  
7 change happen right there in their communities and they  
8 don't want to wish that on anybody else. They're  
9 willing to keep that waste there and work to find a  
10 solution that we can all live with.

11       And I'll tell you, there is something we can  
12 do. We can phase out nuclear power. It's about 20  
13 percent of our power consumption. We lose 10 percent  
14 of our power on the grid system. And I'm not telling  
15 people that you have to live in the dark. There is  
16 energy efficient technology available right now. We  
17 saw it in California how efficient they got last year.  
18 In a year, they reduced their energy consumption  
19 tremendously and we can do that all throughout this  
20 country. What it takes is an investment in that and  
21 sustainable resources.

22       They're talking about \$345 -- is it billion  
23 or million? I forgot, they don't answer questions.  
24 But we're talking millions, hundreds of millions of  
25 dollars being spent on the Yucca Mountain Project, when

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1 the hundreds of millions of dollars could better be

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2 spent in investing in renewable energy resources, in

3 ways to live sustainably.

4 People lived on this planet for thousands and

5 thousands of years without causing the devastation and

6 destruction that we've caused in the last 50 years.

7 And now how many kids don't have the opportunity to

8 grow up because they happen to live downwind, near a

9 reactor. They happened to get leukemia. I don't want

10 to see that happen to this community. I don't want to

11 see that happen to people along the routes. I don't

12 want to see a massive shipping campaign that's

13 ill-thought and ill-prepared and not helping anybody

14 except it's helping those nuclear utilities continue so

15 they can keep generating the waste and keep

16 contaminating our communities and that is just not

17 right.

18 MODERATOR BROWN: You're up to four minutes.

19 MS. SNYDER: Okay. Thanks. I'll say one

20 more thing, two more things.

21 One thing, the website, after the 11th -- and

22 I realize everybody was in shock and we still are in

23 shock about what happened -- but we rely on this

24 department to keep people informed at least about

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25 hearings being cancelled. Almost two weeks, the  
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1 website said that there were going to be hearings at  
2 the two hearing dates. It's been changed so many  
3 times. But that website has not been updated or kept  
4 current and people rely on that to get information.  
5 When it's not available, you know, we are unable to  
6 make informed decisions. We live in a democracy.  
7 People participate in this democracy and this is has  
8 not been a democratic process. That is be shoved this  
9 is being shoved down the throats of Nevadans.

10 The site recommendation said, yes, the site  
11 could meet the proposed guidelines. Yet, on the  
12 guidelines that are on the books right now, part 60 and  
13 part 960, depending on which particular department  
14 you're talking about, the site fails to meet those  
15 guidelines and it's because of a lot of difference  
16 things. And this site fails to meet guidelines that  
17 have been on the books. Hello. I mean, it's like two  
18 5-year-olds playing games and they change the rules  
19 when one of them start losing. We're not 5-year-olds.  
20 We're adults. And we have a right to have a healthy  
21 environment and that's one of our most basic human

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22 rights. And this project is taking that right away  
23 from us and I'm asking and encouraging every single one  
24 of you here in this room today to get involved and stop  
25 this project because it will be stopped.

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1 This project here at Yucca Mountain, it's not  
2 going to work. Forever is too long to be wrong. And  
3 we cannot let this go through. So I'd love to talk to  
4 folks and I'd like the record to indicate that I am  
5 wearing a classic "No Yucca Mountain" T-shirt, if you  
6 could get that on the record for me.

7 Thank you. That's all I have to say right  
8 now. I may come up later. Thanks.